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**From:** Gude, Karen [Gude.Karen@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 12/3/2018 2:57:02 PM  
**To:** Hurl, Kathy [Hurl.Kathy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Time-Sensitive U.S. EPA Office of Water Information and Tribal Participation Opportunities - December 2018 (Resending without flyer attachment)

Hi Kathy,

Happy to. It will be later today, as I am en route to airport for a flight.

Karen

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 3, 2018, at 9:50 AM, Hurl, Kathy <Hurl.Kathy@epa.gov> wrote:

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> Karen, we are crunching trying to find a new location for our state meeting (cancelled for Bush's funeral). Can you reply to that NCAI intern with the basic info for us? Thanks. - Kathy

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> From: Gude, Karen

> Sent: Monday, December 3, 2018 9:25 AM

> Subject: Time-Sensitive U.S. EPA Office of Water Information and Tribal Participation Opportunities - December 2018 (Resending without flyer attachment)

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> Dear Tribal Partners and EPA Regional Indian Coordinators -

> The EPA Office of Water would like to share some time-sensitive information and important participation opportunities and activities related to the Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act. This information and these events may be of interest to tribes, and provides tribes an opportunity to engage with EPA on water-related topics. Please feel free to forward this information, as appropriate.

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> I. Reminder: EPA Issues National Water Program Core Measures & Announces December 4 Informational Webinar for Early Engagement with Tribal Governments on the FY20-21 National Water Program Guidance

> Over the past six months, the U.S. EPA Office of Water (OW) conducted a robust consultation and outreach process to states and tribes to establish a set of core measures for the National Water Program. OW is pleased to share the attached list of measures, which serve as the basis for the FY 2020-2021 National Water Program Guidance. These measures are the product of extensive outreach and coordination, and incorporate feedback from the EPA Acting Deputy Administrator, EPA Regional Water Division Directors, individual states and tribes, state and tribal associations, and Office of Water senior leadership. EPA is holding a webinar with tribal governments on December 4, 2018 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Eastern Time to discuss these measures and to conduct early engagement on the FY 2020-2021 National Water Program Guidance. To access the webinar, please visit <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/tribal2020nwpg/>. For audio, please call 202-991-0477; conference ID: 2021895. For reference, included in this email, please find the following documents: (1) EPA's list of National Water Program Core Measures, (2) a document providing detailed information on each of the core measures, and (3) the proposed agenda for the December 4 webinar with tribal governments. If you should have any questions, please contact Chris Gollan, EPA Office of Water, Resource Management Staff, at [Gollan.Christopher@epa.gov](mailto:Gollan.Christopher@epa.gov) <<mailto:Gollan.Christopher@epa.gov>>.

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> II. Tribal Consultation Opportunity: Revisions to Clean Water Act Section 404(g) Regulations. Consultation Period to End December 21.

> EPA has initiated consultation and coordination with federally recognized tribes on a forthcoming proposed regulatory revision to the Clean Water Act (CWA) section 404 permitting program. In the Spring 2018 Regulatory Agenda, the EPA announced the Agency's plan for the first comprehensive revision to the existing section 404(g) regulations since 1988. The Administration recognizes the need for greater clarity on the requirements for state and tribal assumption of the section 404 permitting program and identifies this issue as one of its priorities. The EPA intends to modernize these regulations and foster a greater interest by the authorized tribes and states in assuming this authority. During the consultation process, the EPA is particularly interested in receiving tribal input on potential impediments to assumption, areas of the existing regulation that could benefit from clarity, and practical implications of assumption. EPA held two informational webinars for tribal governments on the Revisions to Clean Water Act Section 404(g) Regulations on November 20 and 29. Additional information on state and tribal assumption of the CWA section 404 permit program and this rulemaking activity can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/cwa404g>. The tribal consultation letter and consultation and coordination plan are available on EPA's Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System (TCOTS) website located at: <https://tcots.epa.gov>. For any questions, please contact Lauren Kasperek, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, by email at [404g-rulemaking@epa.gov](mailto:404g-rulemaking@epa.gov) <[404g-rulemaking@epa.gov](mailto:404g-rulemaking@epa.gov)> or by phone at (202) 564-3351. Tribes will have until December 21, 2018, to provide comment on this action.

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> III. The National Estuary Program Coastal Watersheds Grant Announces its Request for Applications (RFA). Submission Deadline is December 20.

> EPA is soliciting applications to administer a competitive subaward program through the National Estuary Program (NEP) Coastal Watersheds Grant addressing urgent and challenging issues that threaten the ecological and economic well-being of coastal and estuarine areas. The applicant selected under this announcement will be funded under one assistance agreement with the EPA. The total federal amount of funding expected to be available under this announcement is approximately \$4 million. Eligible applicants under this announcement include state, interstate, tribal, inter-tribal consortia, regional water pollution control agencies and entities, state coastal zone management agencies, and other public or nonprofit private agencies, institutions, and organizations. Applicants must have the ability to work within all the geographic areas defined in the RFA, and be capable of undertaking activities that advance NEP coastal watershed priorities. Applications should reflect the applicant's familiarity with the NEP and the key role of EPA-approved Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans in addressing the relevant environmental issues; describe the applicant's proposed competitive subaward process; and demonstrate how the proposed subaward process will support coastal and estuary protection and restoration. All subaward projects must be located completely within the geographic areas defined by the EPA in this RFA. Applicants must apply through grants.gov by December 20, 2018. Email questions to: nep-rfa@epa.gov<mailto:nep-rfa@epa.gov> by December 5, 2018. The full RFA is available at: <https://www.epa.gov/nep>.

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> IV. EPA's Fiscal Year 2019 Environmental Justice Small Grants Program Solicitation is Now Open. Proposals Due February 15. Informational Webinar Schedule Now Available.

> The Environmental Justice Small Grants (EJSG) program awards grants that support community-driven projects designed to engage, educate, and empower communities to better understand local environmental and public health issues and develop strategies for addressing those issues, building consensus in the community, and setting community priorities. The EJSG program will award approximately \$1.5 million nationwide for this competitive opportunity. EPA anticipates awarding approximately 50 grants (5 per EPA region) of up to \$30,000 each. These grants are for one-year projects. Given projected increases in extreme weather events and the vulnerability of underserved populations, this opportunity will emphasize projects that address emergency preparedness and increase resiliency, as well as projects that include the needs of U.S. military veterans and homeless populations. Full Proposal Due Date: Friday, February 15, 2019 by 11:59 PM ET. For more information and to view the schedule of upcoming informational webinars, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-small-grants-program#tab-2>.

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> V. EPA Releases Fact Sheet Highlighting Opportunities for Funding Land Conservation and Restoration Activities with Clean Water State Revolving Fund Assistance. Informational Webinar Scheduled December 6. Register Today!

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> The EPA Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)<<https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/learn-about-clean-water-state-revolving-fund-cwsrf>> recently released a factsheet titled "Funding Land Conservation with the CWSRF"<<https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/funding-land-conservation-projects-cwsrf>> highlighting opportunities for funding land conservation and restoration with CWSRF assistance. The CWSRF provides affordable funding for water quality improvement projects across the country. Tribes are eligible to receive CWSRF assistance. For an extensive list of eligible entities and project categories please review the Overview of Clean Water State Revolving Fund Eligibilities<[https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-07/documents/overview\\_of\\_cwsrf\\_eligibilities\\_may\\_2016.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-07/documents/overview_of_cwsrf_eligibilities_may_2016.pdf)>. This factsheet highlights a 2011 loan from the California State Water Resources Control Board (California's CWSRF program) to the Yurok Tribe for the purchase of 22,237 acres of forest land. The tribe had long sought the return of the land to create a salmon sanctuary and restore tribal cultural practices, including subsistence fishing, hunting, and gathering. To learn more, register for the upcoming webinar "Funding Land Conservation with the CWSRF" on December 6 from 2:00-3:00pm EDT by registering HERE<[https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/flcp\\_cwsrf/event/registration.html](https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/flcp_cwsrf/event/registration.html)>. For up-to-date news on EPA's CWSRF program please sign up for the quarterly newsletter HERE<<https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/d.jsp?llr=qtzds9ab&p=oi&m=1128036884080&sit=rs8mnarlb&f=b17fb479-940b-4277-af44-0135dd91d3d1>>. If you are interested in learning more about the CWSRF or have any questions, please email the CWSRF team at EPA headquarters at [cwsrf@epa.gov](mailto:cwsrf@epa.gov)<mailto:cwsrf@epa.gov>.

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> VI. EPA to Hold Webinar on Reclaiming Lost Lands: Revitalizing Brownfields with Green Infrastructure December 5. Register Today!

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> A brownfield is a property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. These conditions can present unique challenges for stormwater management and green infrastructure implementation. On December 5 from 1:00 - 2:30 PM ET, EPA will hold a webcast where speakers from EPA's Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization and the West Virginia Water Research Institute<<http://www.wri.org/>> will discuss the role green infrastructure can play in transforming brownfield sites. To register, please visit: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3499487520472134658>. To learn more about green infrastructure at EPA and check out upcoming webcast opportunities, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure>.

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> VII. The National Tribal Water Council Is Seeking Nominations for New Members. Application Deadline is December 21.

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> The National Tribal Water Council (NTWC) is a technical and scientific body created to assist the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, federally recognized Indian Tribes, including Alaska Native Tribes, and their associated tribal communities and tribal organizations, with research and information for decision-making regarding water issues and water-related concerns that impact Indian and Alaska Native tribal members, as well as other residents of Alaska Native Villages and Indian country in the United States. These water issues include, but are not limited to, surface water, wetlands, nonpoint source pollution, point source pollution, drinking water, groundwater, oceans and estuaries, and underground injection. The Council is currently seeking two tribal water professionals, one from Alaska and one representing the Navajo Nation. If you are interested in serving as a member of the Council, please review the information below, and if qualified, you may submit the attached application form. In addition to the application form, the Council requests a letter of interest and a resumé. Persons meeting the qualifications for the NTWC shall be presented to the NTWC for review and comment before offering an appointment to a candidate for the NTWC. When a candidate is selected by the Council, the candidate will receive a letter requesting an authorization letter from an appropriate elected official or his/her supervisor prior to membership approval. All persons meeting the qualifications are encouraged to apply. The deadline applying is December 21, 2018. For more information, please visit the NTWC's website at <https://nau.edu/ntwc> , or contact Elaine H. Wilson, Project Manager for the National Tribal Water Council, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, Northern Arizona University by email at: Elaine.Wilson@nau.edu<mailto:Elaine.Wilson@nau.edu>.

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